

Island, 0.7 p.c.; Nova Scotia, 0.5 p.c.; Quebec, 31.1 p.c.; Ontario, 27.2 p.c.; Manitoba, 7.8 p.c.; Saskatchewan, 18.0 p.c.; Alberta, 5.3 p.c.; and British Columbia, 9.4 p.c.

Subsequent to Apr. 1, 1937, the Province of New Brunswick substituted a works program for direct relief and consequently that Province does not contribute to the registration totals on direct relief, as shown in Tables 6 and 7, for the months after the date mentioned. Moreover, in the case of all provinces, the present figures include only persons receiving relief to which the Dominion Government contributed financially.

An analysis of the status of the 307,403 persons receiving direct relief in December, 1940, reveals that 63,997, or 20.8 p.c., were heads of families,\* 214,106, or 69.7 p.c., their dependants, while the remaining 29,300 or 9.5 p.c., were classified as 'individual persons'.\* Of the 250,977 persons receiving urban relief, 53,284 were heads of families, of whom 32,172 were fully employable, 11,036 partially employable, and 10,076 were unemployable. Of the 28,043 recipients classified as individual persons, 6,715 were returned as fully employable, 9,483 as partially so, and 11,845 as unemployable. Of the dependants of heads of families, totalling 169,650 receiving urban relief, 3,423 had been previously gainfully employed, 6,958 had never been employed, 257 were only partially employable, and the remainder were classified as 'non-worker type dependants', including wives, children under 16 years, and other dependants of non-worker type over 16 years of age.

#### 6.—Persons on Urban or Agricultural Relief, by Months, 1939 and 1940

Month	1939			1940		
	Urban Relief	Agricultural Relief	Total Direct Relief	Urban Relief	Agricultural Relief	Total Direct Relief
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January .....	668,196	308,332	976,528	618,050	96,093	714,143
February.....	697,896	320,771	1,018,667	640,972	112,093	753,065
March.....	704,694	322,842	1,027,536	648,869	123,673	772,542
April.....	686,033	318,823	1,004,856	619,848	130,236	750,084
May.....	626,274	297,147	923,421	550,250	109,612	659,862
June.....	557,408	281,918	839,326	458,969	84,400	543,369
July.....	534,720	270,934	805,654	394,310	61,973	456,283
August.....	544,817	257,835	802,652	321,223	45,458	366,681
September.....	488,984	50,029	539,013	246,716	15,356	262,072
October.....	484,309	59,574	543,883	226,722	23,778	250,500
November.....	507,893	77,803	585,696	232,163	39,772	271,935
December.....	556,676	72,570	629,246	250,977	56,426	307,403
<b>Monthly Averages.....</b>	<b>588,158</b>	<b>219,882</b>	<b>808,040</b>	<b>434,089</b>	<b>74,906</b>	<b>508,995</b>

In considering the question of unemployment, public attention is usually focused on the fully employable worker who is receiving urban relief. The figures in Table 7 show considerable decreases for 1940 over 1939 in unemployment among persons of this class; the monthly average for 1940 shows a decrease of 47,967 persons or over 30 p.c. from the 1939 average. It will be noted that the slight increase in November and December correspond with the usual seasonal rise in the number receiving relief; this increase, however, is much less than in former years.

\* 'Head of family' is used to designate a person who is socially responsible for the support of one or more dependants. An 'individual person' is one who is neither a dependant of a head of family nor has anyone dependent upon himself. The term 'wife' refers to the member of a family unit who performs the housekeeping duties and 'wives' are a subclassification of dependants. 'Dependants' are all who look to the head of a family for their support and thus 'dependants' include some adult employable persons still living under the parental roof.